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New Apartment Complexes to Begin Construction by November

Residence halls located near Lake Jovita look to be major additions to campus life.

by Jay Kubica
Co-Editor

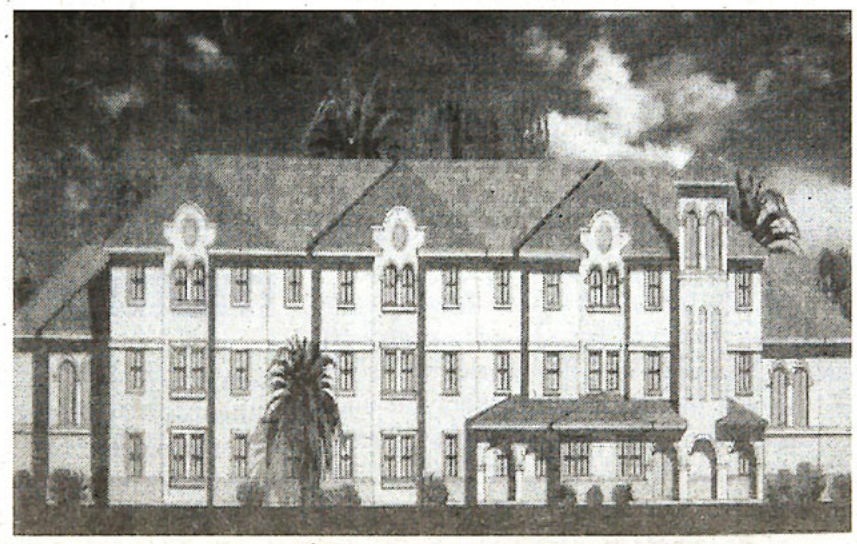
SAINT LEO - There comes a time in every institution's existence when it must grow to meet the changing demands placed upon it. This time has come for Saint Leo University.

In early November, construction will begin on two new apartment complexes by Lake Jovita. The complexes will house approximately 175 upperclassmen and graduate students. The halls will be completed by August 2003 and be available for room selection this spring.

According to Dr. Edward Dadez, vice president of Student Affairs, the time is right for the construction of new residence halls.

"Because of higher retention and enrollment numbers, we are finding ourselves at this point at 97% full in residence halls, including the Villa," Dadez explained. "We've probably got an extra 147 students on campus this semester. We're running out of residence hall space."

Dadez added, "In many discussions we've had with students we know they have desired an apartment suite living arrangement."



The preliminary designs for the new residence halls call for two apartment complexes similar to this representation.

Saint Leo is also building the apartments to keep pace with the competition and the living options offered by other universities.

"We know these apartments with kitchens will be highly sought after," Dadez stated.

American Campus Communities, based out of Austin, TX, has been contracted to build the new halls. American Campus Communities is recognized as being a leader in residence hall construction.

The new apartments are expected to be in doubles or quads, with a common area, kitchen, and two adjoining bathrooms.

As Saint Leo prepares for the future, further additions to the campus are planned. In the even that the new halls fill up quickly, more halls will be added.

When Dorm Rooms Become Battlefields of Emotional Distress

Personality conflicts form one of the more interesting college experiences for roommates.

by Steve Woodside
Special to the Lions' Pride

SAINT LEO - Is dormitory life supposed to let students form new friendships or let them do battle in a 20 x 20 foot cell?

Living in a dorm is about 70% of the college experience. Living with a roommate should be a bonding experience. But, what do you do when you have different personalities, like Jekyll and Hyde?

At Saint Leo University, classic struggles between friends ensue. There are many causes for the rift between friends who live together and many solutions to avoid these rifts.

One explanation is that once we are freed from our parents' rules and regulations about when to go to bed and when to wake up, college students choose to turn night into day. Since even the best of class schedules will have the occasional morning class, and many college students hold down jobs that may require their presence in daylight hours, most college students do not average eight hours of sleep a night. They try to make up for this by taking naps during the day. Sometimes those naps are during classes, and sometimes they are in their rooms. Some students sleep until noon or later on the days they don't have

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Welcome to Saint Leo University Class of 2006

by Jessica Williams
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO – This year's class enters with over 240 members. These increasing numbers show that Saint Leo is becoming a household name since more people are choosing to join us in this desolate city.

Of course with the start of a new year, parents are out spending a lot of money so that everyone has the latest clothes and accessories. Just the other day on television, there was a commercial for designer Todd Oldham's residence hall accessories. That was one of the fun parts of the school year: all the new stuff I could buy.

Luckily, from Saint Leo's July and August orientation weekends, friends have already been made. Remember, in college these friends will be with you through it all, probably at times sharing the same emotions. I came to Saint Leo in 2000 and am still friends with my orientation members.

Saint Leo has definitely come a long way. Since I have been here, a lot of changes have been made. The landscaping makes the campus appear more tranquil, so studying outside is even more realistic. The campus bookstore was always small, which made it a place where you purchased what you needed and left. Now with the refurbishments complete, the bookstore has much more room and exciting new merchandise, which makes people stay longer and spend even more money.

The first day of class is arriving soon, and I am sure there are swarms of butterflies in people's stomachs, as were in mine two years ago. Do not worry. The professors and student body will not bite! Instead, they will give you a smile and help lead you in the right direction.

For many of you, this is your first time out of the house and away from mommy and daddy, so be careful. It is ok that you want to party, and there will be times to party. But, there are always consequences for those choices. Everybody drinks before they are of age, but not everybody does it responsibly. I have gone to Ybor City and had one of my friend's drinks laced because she trusted a guy, who was someone she should not have trusted. So, please be careful.

In the end, I wish all of you good luck this year. I am sure this will be one of the best year's of your life.

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COLUMNS

Privacy, civil right infringements multiply after Sept. 11

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS - The increasingly omnipresent Big Brother was scolded Friday by its lawful mother, the federal court system, for overstepping its constitutional right in the war on terrorism. U.S. District Court Judge Gladys Kessler ruled the Justice Department, led by Attorney General John Ashcroft, had not proven the need to withhold the names of the more than 1,000 people rounded up by the government following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. She gave the government 15 days to release the names.

In her decision, Kessler wrote, "The first priority of the judicial branch must be to ensure that our government always operates within the statutory and constitutional constraints, which distinguish a democracy from a dictatorship." And it is this democratic concept supported by law and grounded in the ideals of Americans that will help stave off the enigmatic Big Brother from coalescing into a juggernaut of invasive control.

But this ruling, although a victory for civil liberties and good reason to collectively release our breath, should not be seen as the end-all to the recent infringements on American freedom perpetrated by our own government as a result of Sept. 11.

Some of the most critical battles over civil liberties are now being waged in the courts and on Capitol Hill. For instance, the George W. Bush administration recently proposed Operation Terrorist Information and Prevention System. The program plans to recruit 1 million volunteers to act as spies and informants against their neighbors. TIPS, if enacted by Congress, would enlist the work of cable installers, utility workers, letter carriers and others who have some access to Americans private lives. They would report what they deemed abnormal behavior to the government, which could then be acted upon. If that doesn't sound Orwellian, then you haven't read "1984."

Making matters worse is other legislation — both enacted and pending — that, coupled with things such as TIPS, could give the government odious control and invasive insight into our lives. Take for instance the Patriot Act, perhaps the most far-reaching of such laws. Under this law the government can, among other things, put recording devices into places of religious sanctity such as the confessional booth or the neighborhood mosque. Also, there is a provision in the proposed Andean Trade Bill that would give the U.S. Customs Service virtual immunity from lawsuits related to racial and religious profiling.

The sacrifice of civil liberties goes on. A personal computer located in the confines of your home has no legal right of privacy if it is connected to the Internet. The government contends that since people do not always know what they are downloading, or if they are being hacked, they should not have a reasonable sense of privacy on their computers. Therefore, computers are not protected by the Fifth Amendment. Any e-mail, document or other piece of information stored on computers connected to the Internet can be used by the government.

Yet many Americans still blindly believe: "If I'm not doing anything wrong, then why should I worry?" They should worry because the government has the power to determine what is right and what is wrong. But what is right today can be made wrong tomorrow. That means that the dossier the government created on a citizen could be the evidence against that person if the law changes.

So while Friday's ruling is a sign the encroachment of the government on the individual rights and freedoms of American citizens is finding oppositional force within the legal system, it is still important that all Americans vigilantly defend their rights. Many current college students grew up with the Saturday morning slogan of G.I. Joe, "Knowing is half the battle," which is true. But the other half is standing steadfast upon that knowledge, turning wisdom into action. Otherwise we might have to redefine what it means to be an American.

Saint Leo Hurricane Shelter

The University has the capacity to shelter almost 3000 hurricane victims.

by Jay Kubica
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO - When a hurricane strikes, having shelter can mean not just comfort, but the difference between life and death. Recent renovations to Saint Leo University have given Pasco County another much-needed hurricane shelter.

Renovations to the Bowman Activities Center, Lewis Hall, and Saint Edward's Hall have placed Saint Leo's capacity for hurricane victims at 2,820 people. However, the campus's capacity for special needs victims makes it unique and particularly valuable to Pasco County. The existence of a generator on campus has made it possible for Saint Leo to supply power during a storm, independently of outside power sources.

"There's a lot of people down here who are retired and have oxygen generators and they can come here and plug in and have power," Frank Mezzanini, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs of Saint Leo University, said.

Figures from the Tampa Bay Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study Update for 2000 Draft showed Pasco County's shelter deficit at spaces for 24,449 people. Saint Leo's addition as a hurricane shelter was designed to offset this deficit, especially in the area of special needs victims.

The campus was also attractive as a hurricane shelter site because of its location.

"We're 45 miles from the coast. By the time a hurricane gets here, just that 45 miles, the wind speed is going to drop down dramatically. We're also two hundred some feet in the air. We're not going to flood. They just love this area for a shelter," Mezzanini explained.

In the event of a hurricane, Saint Leo will be opened as a shelter. While each person will be given 20 feet as personal space, they should expect to bring all the necessities they need.

Renovations included the addition of Force 12 hurricane tarps, reinforcement of walls, and the installation of new windows in Saint Edward's, which is nearing completion. The previous windows were from the 1950's, and did not operate properly. Upon removal, the windows revealed a "time capsule".

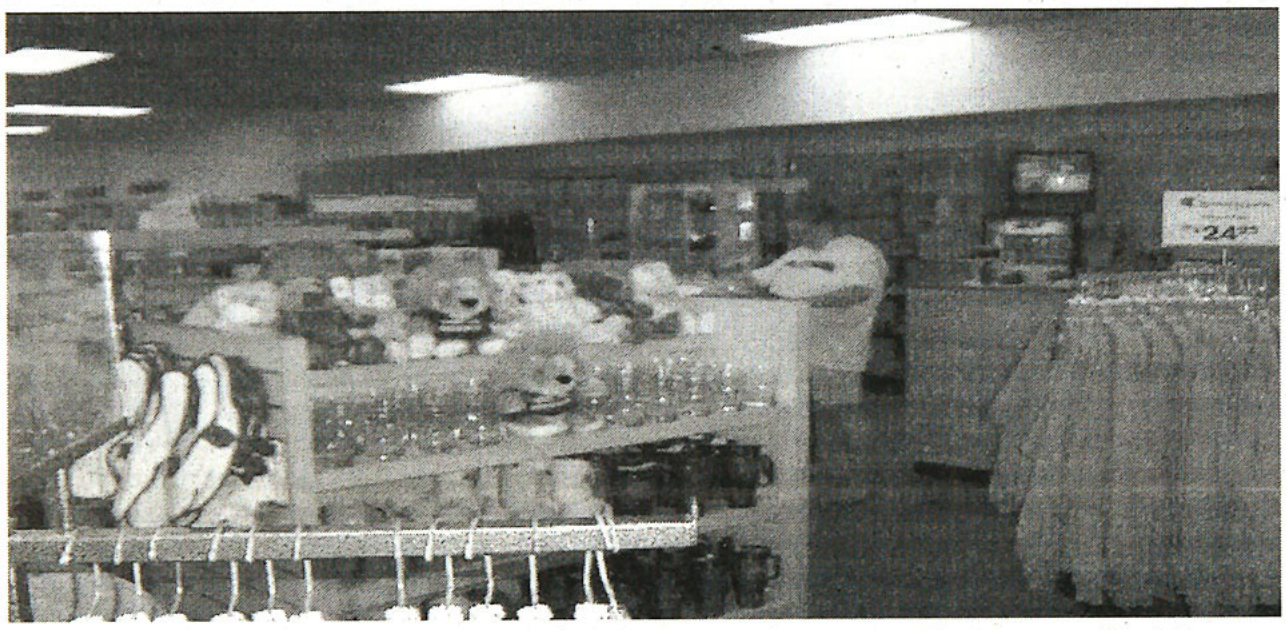
"They found a lot of old newspapers in the system, some of them dated back to the 50s and 60s," Jim Killmeyer, Director of Physical Plant, said.

In addition, the walls contained other historical relics, such as numerous bottles and cans from the past, including a Prince Albert tobacco can.

The conversion to a hurricane shelter was made possible by a total of $550,000 of grant money from the State of Florida. University costs, including the on-campus generator, totaled $1.4 million.

Saint Leo's dedication to the six core Benedictine values of excellence, community, respect, personal development, responsible stewardship, and integrity motivated the University to become a hurricane shelter. By applying University resources to help the community, Saint Leo is staying true to these core values, as well as providing an example of these values to its students.

"The best way to bring up a child is not to tell them what to do, but to show them what to do. We're showing our students how to get involved in the community and how to care about other people," Mezzanini stated.



The new Saint Leo University Bookstore is one of many new improvements on campus this fall. The store features a redesigned interior and professional exterior. (Courtesy Jay Kubica)

Dorm Rooms Con't——— class. If you're the type who needs eight hours of sleep on most nights, you can literally plan for a rude awakening.

"Most nights I'm asleep by midnight, while my roommate doesn't even begin his homework until after that," said one freshman. "I'm stuck trying to go to sleep with the light and TV on."

Another freshman recently moved his roommate out. "He spilled Jack Daniels on my stereo and ate my food when I wasn't there. It really pissed me off," Smith stated. "I mean, I like to party and drink too, but you have to draw the line somewhere, right?"

This is the case for many students with a roommate who won't go to sleep. According to Dr. Edward Dadez, vice president of Student Affairs, "The issue of living on different schedules is one of the most common problems among roommates. If you've got a schedule that's chock full of early morning classes, and your roommate never goes to bed before 4 am, then you're going to be sleep-deprived. That makes it very hard to absorb all this knowledge the college is doling out."

It's not just nighttime sleep that can be affected. If one roommate wants to take an afternoon nap, while the other is watching *The Simpsons*, the conflict will continue into the daylight hours, as well.

There are a few easy solutions to this dilemma. When you're planning your class schedule, be sure to leave some mornings free so you can sleep late. A student can only go so many days in a row on four or five hours rest.

Second, get some earplugs. There will be nights when you're utterly exhausted and will need to conk out before dawn. Remember that sleep deprivation has been used as a form of torture, so don't suffer needlessly.

Also, small and brief naps can be quite refreshing. Even 15 minutes worth of sleep in between classes can keep you going.

Finally, problems such as too much trash in the room, need to be worked out with compromise. Both people can take the trash out. Keep it simple and let your roommate know you feel strongly about the situation.

If you are having problems that won't change, see your resident assistant. This is one roommate problem where there is potential for help. If others in your dorm have the same problem, then you can switch roommates, so that you share quarters with someone who also likes to get to sleep at a reasonable hour. Don't let a bad situation destroy what could be a very fun and important time in your life. Remember, you don't just live at college, you go to school there too!

Top 20 Ways To Get Your Roommate To Move Out

1. Pee with the door open.
2. Hang a picture of Carrot Top over your bed.
3. Start collecting life-size cutouts of U.S presidents.
4. Treat him to a candlelight dinner.
5. Wear women's underwear.
6. Get in his bed with him in the middle of the night.
7. Leave your toenail clippings on his pillow.
8. Pick his nose
9. Ask him his penis size (girth and length).
10. Insist upon him calling you sir.
11. Call his mother twice a day, just to talk.
12. Sing him to sleep .
13. Ask if he can sing you to sleep.
14. Tell him he has the greatest abs you have ever seen.
15. Buy a wardrobe of spandex.
16. Show him that you really care.
17. Listen to the same Yanni record over and over.
18. Eat his homework.
19. Discuss the pros and cons of prison.
20. Ask him about his relationship with his father.

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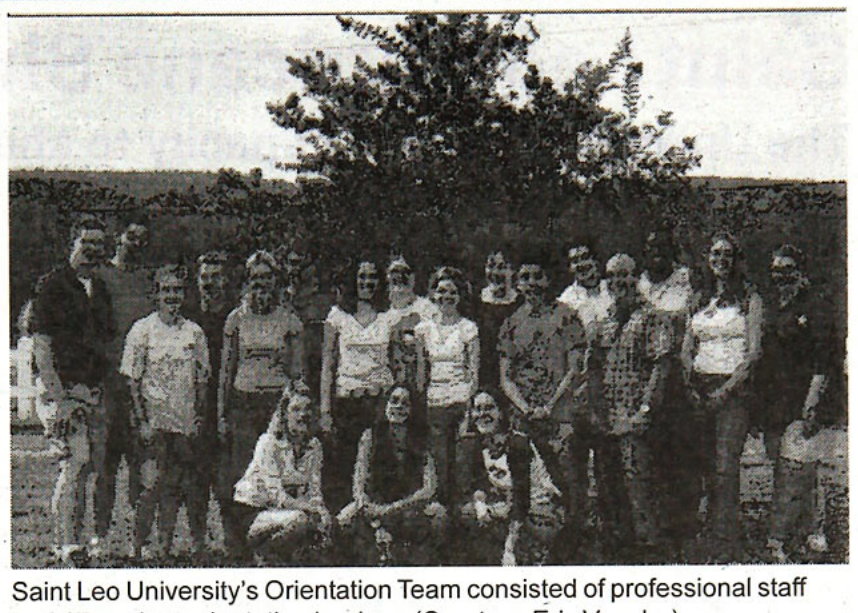
Casino Night marked the high point of July Orientation. Here, O-Leader Jason Pinkowski deals blackjack to freshmen. (Courtesy Eric Vaughn)



Saint Leo University's Orientation Team consisted of professional staff and 17 student orientation leaders. (Courtesy Eric Vaughn)

Orientation Rocks Saint Leo Campus

Incoming freshmen come get some at University's July Orientation

by Jay Kubica
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO - College freshmen descended on Saint Leo University over the July 12 weekend. These students took part in Orientation, a series of activities and events designed to help them adjust to college life.

Eric Vaughn, orientation coordinator, explained the purpose of Orientation. "It acclimates the new students to the University," Vaughn said. "It gave them the opportunity to register for class and meet the deans for the different schools. It also gave them an opportunity to meet new friends."

Total attendance for the weekend was well over 550, with 251 freshmen and over 300 guests and parents. All were housed in the beautiful University residence halls.

Specially trained Saint Leo upperclassmen, known as "O-leaders," worked side-by-side with the incoming students and their parents. According to Vaughn, the O-leaders were, "the freshmen's first expert on the University. They helped with check-in, they were tour guides, and they assisted in the testing areas when needed."

New student reaction to Saint Leo was mostly positive.

"All the activities were good, although I would have liked to know people outside my group," freshman Heather Ross said.

Freshman Jennifer Bird felt Orientation helped her get to know the University.

"It was a really neat experience to see the college with other students and not your parents," she said.

Activities for the weekend varied from taking assessment tests to a fun-filled Casino Night.

July Orientation was deemed a remarkable success.

"From what we heard from faculty and staff, this was the best orientation in four years," Vaughn explained. "Especially with the large attendance, everything went smoothly."

This weekend only marks the first phase of Orientation. Immediately before classes begin in the fall, students will return for a second transition program and their matriculation into the student body.

Saint Leo University's incoming freshmen were divided into orientation groups. This group shows its team spirit. (Courtesy Eric Vaughn)

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Student Survey

On the Friends' season finale, viewers were left with the decision: Should Rachel be with Ross or Joey?

Who would everyone rather see her with?

Results will be in the next issue of the Lions' Pride.

☐ Ross ☐ Joey

New Faces Equal New Beginnings in Saint Leo's Student Government Union

Students get a first-hand look at what SGU has in store for them.

by Jessica Williams
Co-Editor

The new SGU Executive Board, from left to right: Maria Martin, Catherine Hopkins, Rose Dicicco, Janet Levic, Mark DeNote (not pictured). (Courtesy Jay Kubica)

SAINT LEO – Last year's SGU board members worked really hard to make it a good year, so this year is bound to be even better.

For starters, Catherine Hopkins, president of SGU, during her candidacy proposed many changes that she wished to see implemented this coming year. She has been working hard to make these changes happen.

Students always claim that the cafeteria and food could use some work, so this has been one of Hopkins' prime deals. Thus far, she has worked with Richard Vogel, the general manager of the cafeteria, and his boss, Liz Clark. This year there will be better menu rotations, more made-to-order cooking, and better customer service by the workers.

Things still in progress are the bookstore, basketball court, school pride, and commuters. For the bookstore, Hopkins is working on the price and selection of merchandise, but needs to work this out with EFollet, who the bookstore is run by. Hopkins is still working on getting lights for the outside basketball court, as well as students to attend to the athletic events.

A problem at Saint Leo is that commuters have always felt like outsiders because they do not get involved in the Saint Leo world. About this, Hopkins said "I have been working with Sarah Hard, the coordinator for Student Affairs, on creating and developing a commuter student association."

"I chose to run for this position because of the flexibility it will allow me to have. The job description allows me the ability and time to work on many different projects that will come up throughout the year to help our SGU Senate and our University," explained Rosanne DiCicco, vice president of operations.

Unfortunately, many of Saint Leo's outstanding organizations are lacking in their membership, so DiCicco plans to help these groups promote themselves.

Last year a new area was added to the SGU Senate, and that was the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee dealt with the allocations that clubs and organizations wished to use. This group was very controversial because a lot of clubs did not like the way it was run. Therefore there are some changes in progress.

"As far as my part of the treasury end of SGU, I would like

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Saint Leo Entering the 21st Century

Saint Leo University is becoming more and more technological with their resources.

by Jessica Williams
Co-Editor

SAINT LEO – Last year Saint Leo brought eLion, a new website that allowed students to access information ranging from their account statement to their schedule.

Students can now sign up for classes themselves, which provides a lot of advisors, as well as Trane Stop and Financial Aid, a break from the lines and frustration.

The latest edition is the admissions' website www.slu4u.net. It was designed by Kemplar, which consists of Saint Leo's own alumni. Sage Waters, Shane Metzler, and Jason White are the team we call Kemplar.

Waters explained his reasoning for having alumni as staff, "It was these staff members who worked most directly on slu4u.net, and it is my feeling that they [as Saint Leo alums] would have the largest stake in the project. These staff members were not only to more ably represent the respective interests and concerns of Saint Leo, but also [from their collective past experience] the interests and concerns of prospective students."

Just what is Kemplar exactly? Kemplar, formally the Light & Shadow Crating Company (LSCC), is simply a non-profit foundation at its core. The organization was founded by Andy Duran, a Saint Leo alumnus, and Waters.

"In order to satisfy our desire to institute real and lasting changes in the daily lives of such individuals through the development of principle-centered schools and charitable organizations working under the 'teach a man to fish' paradigm," explained Waters.

"One of the most rewarding things about working on the new site is the collaborative relationship with Kemplar. They are an outstanding group who live the Saint Leo values, and I am proud to know they are Saint Leo alumni," explained Gary Bracken, vice president of enrollment.

This new innovation has many technological advances that allow students to be more interactive through a virtual campus tour and much more. It is through these innovations that faculty and current students are able to tell first-hand information about Saint Leo to prospective, as well as current students.

Waters explained that the current generation is filled with visual learners.

"We subsequently decided to add a good deal of interactivity, focusing our attention on streaming video, flash-based animation, and other multimedia technologies," Waters said.

"It should provide prospective students with a better understanding of what Saint Leo is like, as well as allow them to interact with admissions more easily. That is the intention, anyway," described Jason White, an alumni and worker for Kemplar design.

White also explained that the site is more up-to-date, which allows for Saint Leo to give a modern appearance. The site also is user friendly, which makes it easier for those students and parents who might not be computer literate.

"We want to be able to personalize and customize the site so that a student visiting the site the second, third, or fourth time will find something different," said Bracken.

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DVD Review

'Evil Dead II' barely revived for consumers

by Anthony Ha
The Stanford Daily

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. - Writer-director Sam Raimi's "Evil Dead II: Dead by Dawn" (1987) may not have been the first movie to spoof the horror genre, but it's indisputably the funniest. And it's hard to resist the charm of a film that features the hero decapitating his girlfriend in its first five minutes.

Splatter movies have always hovered dangerously close to self-parody, so Raimi and his co-writer Scott Spiegel simply give their film a little push over the edge. "Evil Dead II" is drenched in blood, guts and all the old favorites, but here they're used so outrageously that you can't help but laugh.

This sequel to the ultra-low-budget "Evil Dead" remakes the first film's zombies-in-the-forest story line as a "Three Stooges" comedy with chainsaws. Ash (Bruce Campbell) shacks up in an abandoned cabin with his girlfriend, hoping for a quite vacation in the woods. Not surprisingly, all sorts of hell break loose. Decapitation is only the beginning.

Although other unlucky characters eventually stumble into the cabin-o-horrors, the movie's strongest moments come in its first half hour, when our hero struggles alone against a zombie-fied girlfriend, a possessed hand and other cheesy manifestations of the forces of darkness. Campbell, an astonishingly talented physical comedian, is clearly the film's best special effect. The scene in which he wrestles his own hand has an indescribable, psychotic energy, and no one can say "Groovy" with the same deranged glee.

Add in plenty of monsters, an eerie yet comical score from Joseph LoDuca and the same fast-paced, visceral direction that Raimi brought to "Spider-Man," and the result is one of the funniest and most stomach-churning movies ever made.

The newly-released "Special Edition" DVD includes commentary by Raimi, Spiegel, Campbell and makeup supervisor Greg Nicotero, as well as "The Gore the Merrier," a documentary about the film's special effects. If you're looking for in-depth analysis, you won't find it here. Instead, the commentary resembles an episode of "Mystery Science Theater 3000," as the movie's creators mock the absurdity of their "splatstick" masterpiece.

Film Review

Even with Vin Diesel, 'XXX' runs on empty

by Michael Tunison
The Diamondback

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. - On a recent trip to the newly opened International Spy Museum in Washington, I was amused by how, despite all the entertainment-inspired glitz, most of the teenage boys in attendance seemed crestfallen by the lack of sleek, ultramodern spy gear. Well, those boys will feel right at home when watching the new Rob Cohen ("The Fast and the Furious," "The Skulls") film, "XXX." Replete with gadgetry only applicable in the most specific of scenarios, laughably ornate guns and objectified women, the movie fits the mold of every young man's espionage fantasy. Copious explosions and ample breasts notwithstanding, "XXX" is a seldom watchable, misbegotten mess. While the tagline of the movie touts that "XXX" is a "new breed of spy," the nihilist-turned-do-gooder formula seems borrowed from "The Mod Squad," if not many other wellsprings. In this case, the protagonist is extreme sports demigod Xander Cage (Vin Diesel) who champions such causes as nu-metal, skateboarding and video games ("They're the only education we got," he says and evinces simultaneously). His latest stunt, stealing a Corvette from a stodgy anti-boarding California senator and video-taping himself as he drives it off a bridge, winds him up in the custody of the National Security Agency. Rather than send him to prison, NSA Director Augustus Gibbons (Samuel L. Jackson, now with intimidating facial scar) informs him that they are looking for a different sort of spy (read: rough around the edges) to undertake their cloak-and-dagger endeavors. After testing Xander in a series of trial-by-fire battle conditions and giving him the titular code name of XXX, Gibbons dispatches Xander to Prague to infiltrate the inner circle of a former Russian extremist cadre called Anarchy '99 (which sounds a lot like a title of a really bad drum n' bass compilation). Of course, XXX's devil-may-care attitude helps him to discover that Anarchy '99 hopes to release a toxin called Silent Night into the atmosphere over every major city clandestinely, thus causing the government of every nation to wage war against one another. What, no sharks with frickin' laser beams attached to their heads? Rick Wilkes' script is unconscionably terrible, ladling out heaping portions of risible dialogue and characters with no substance that switch sides with the greatest of ease, but the least of explanation. The movie's action sequences and acting — you read correctly, acting — almost, sort of, make up for it. The scene where XXX outruns an oncoming avalanche that he himself induced to elude a pack of adversaries is one of the best action segments of the summer. Vin Diesel, stout and guttural-sounding, is the perfect man for the role, and even working with crummy material, he has the panache to nearly make it work. And Jackson, working in his over-the-top stock in trade, is always a pleasure. While the heavy-metal soundtrack, featuring the likes of Rammstein, Drowning Pool, Hatebreed and their ilk, may be felicitous to the frantic pacing and the subject of the film, it doesn't make it any easier on the ears. Sorry, allow me to flex my editorial muscle: I hate metal. What's worse is that "XXX" plays like an X-Games commercial. How many Vans or Billabong logos did I spot on camera? The answer: far too many. And honestly, does Tony Hawk have to make cameos in every damn movie aimed at teenage boys? Oh, did I fail to mention that rapper Eve is in this flick? Well, unfortunately for her fans she's only in it as long as it took you to read the previous sentence. Blink and, oh wait, she's already gone. The title of the film might evoke some double-entendres, and though "XXX" contains smut-quality writing, it may go over with some because of the spoils of its exorbitant budget and a few quality performances. All in all though, you'd probably feel less guilty watching real smut.

SGU Con't

to see student organizations being able to put on the events they want for the student body and more active involvement in the finance committee," said Mark Denote, treasurer.

Maria Martin, secretary, stated "I will help keep things organized and will be chair of the Election Committee as well as take minutes and keep participants in the Student Government Union updated on each others events and actions."

Finally, what everyone has been waiting for… what does Janet Levic, vice president of activities, have in store for us? Well, Levic had the great opportunity last year to be her predecessor, Christopher Borg's assistant, which gave her great experience and exciting new ideas for this year.

So, far this year, Levic has planned an improve show called "Mission Improvable," which should be interesting. The No Name Game Show, a fun trivia game show will be returning, as well as the popular SLU Feud. Will the baseball players remain champions? We will have to wait and see. A tradition of Saint Leo's is the Fall Festival. Each year seems to outdo the year before. Levic has chosen Wild SLU West for the theme, which should bring the west to Saint Leo.

This year will definitely be fun-filled and one of the best. Keep your eyes posted for posters and the giant calendar for events.

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Test Prep Courses Becoming Popular Among Students

by Melissa McKeon
The Battalion

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Review courses like those offered by The Princeton Review are becoming increasingly popular among college students to further secure their admission into law school, medical school or graduate school.

These test preparation programs allow flexibility to accommodate busy schedules, guarantee results and attempt to help students achieve their best possible scores so they can get into the schools of their choice, said Jennifer Sloan, assistant director of The Princeton Review in College Station.

Sloan said students can benefit greatly from such courses.

"Our average score increase is 8 points on the MCAT, 92 points on the GMAT, 212 points on the GRE, and 8 points on the LSAT," Sloan said. "And if any students does not get the score they want, they can re-take the class for free."

Most courses offer a combination of classroom instruction and online tools to help students maximize test scores.

Many students are drawn to review courses like these because of the small class sizes.

They guarantee no more than eight students in GRE, GMAT, or LSAT classes and no more than 12 in SAT or ACT classes, Sloan said.

"Classes are small and oriented towards the student," Sloan said. "There is also unlimited outside help from the instructors."

Classes are grouped by ability level, so course work will progress at a pace that is comfortable for each student.

While prep courses for challenging tests like the MCAT can cost students $2,099, Sloan said payment plans are available.

All instructors that teach review courses have met rigorous standards in screening, hiring and training. They are all experts on the courses they teach and have achieved scores in the top five percentile in the nation. They are also required to consistently earn high ratings on student evaluations.

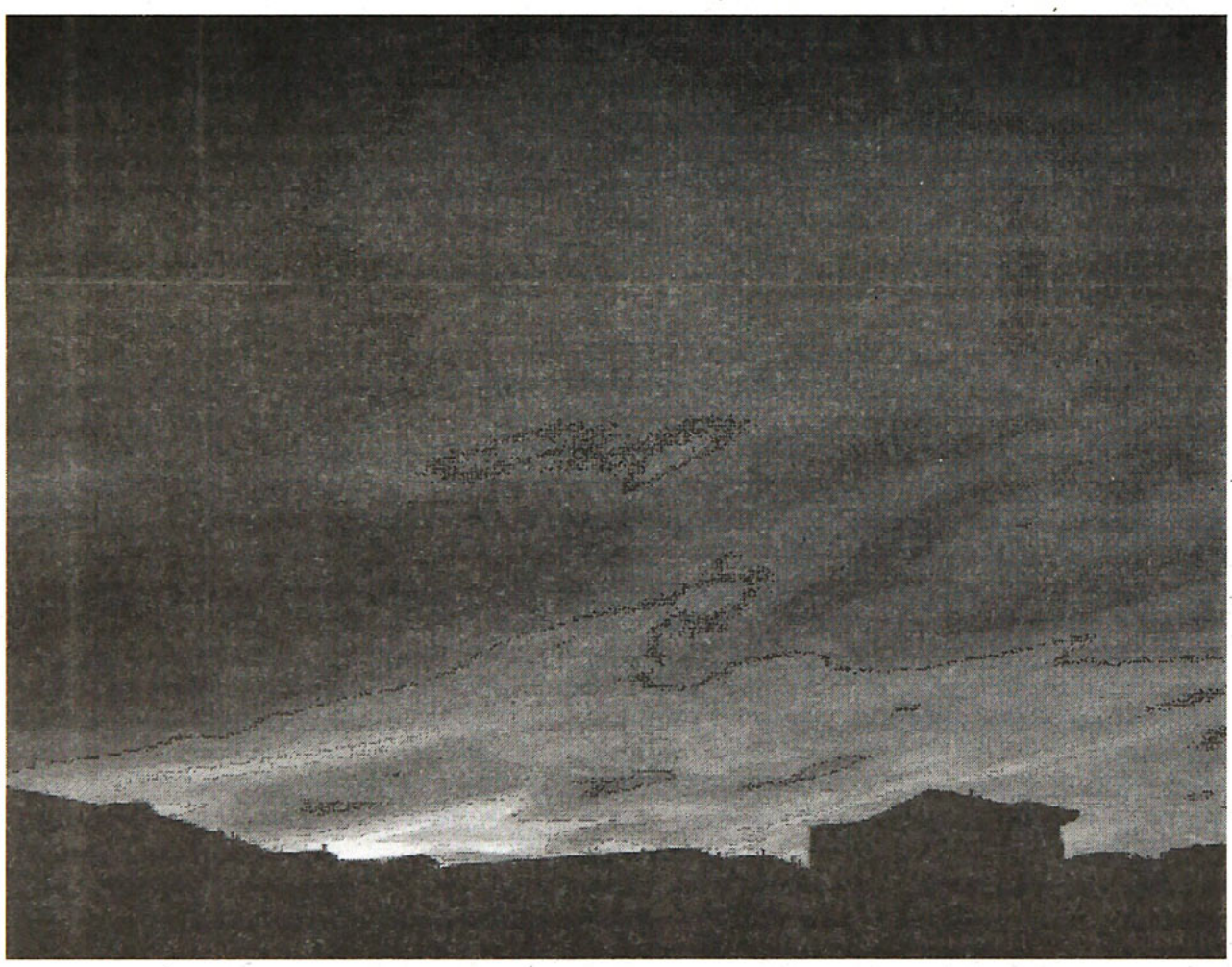
"You have to see how students evaluate you," said Kate Barron, an instructor at The Princeton Review Test Prep. "You have to make exceptional marks in front of the classroom."

Among other strategies, the instructors teach students how to beat the tests based on how they are designed, Barron said.

Review courses also frequently update course material to reflect any recent changes to the tests, so students have current and reliable material.

Senior animal science major, Jennifer Jones, is currently attending an LSAT review course and said it has helped her prepare for the tests.

"The class has been extremely beneficial to me," Jones said. "I'm building confidence and learning skills I wouldn't on my own. I would definitely recommend prep classes for anyone that wants to gain an edge."



Fire in the Sky — Prescott has been treated with several Arizona signature sunsets over the last two weeks. The Northern Arizona region has enjoyed warmer than normal temperatures this winter with an almost complete absence of snow.
(Kyle Szary/Staff Photo)

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In order for this to happen, Bracken explained that the information provided by the students, as well as the tracking of their activity will be used to answer questions or interests that they have. Waters detailed that the site attempts to show in images Saint Leo's individual style, organizational structure, and tones.

"Our vision for Saint Leo requires constant changes to improve programs, services, technology, and facilities for all of our students," commented Dr. Arthur Kirk, university president, on the new improvements of Saint Leo.

Through Kemplar's design of the site, Saint Leo's mission, vision, and values shine through this website because the staff members hold the values as their own. Prospective students will be able to see how important these above things are to the university and student body.

Waters explains that websites are something that requires daily sustenance for continued growth. "We view slu4u.net's present design as simply a seed for future growth, as well as slu4u.net itself as the seed for the redevelopment of Saint Leo's web architecture entire. We are not simply a group of independent contractors hired by Saint Leo for a measure of payment; we are stakeholders in Saint Leo as well."

Bracken concludes, "This site is only the beginning and change in content and presentation is a given, but the main purpose, service to the University and its students, current and future, will be constant."

Everyone should check out the site to see what Saint Leo has in store for the future. Who knows, there might be answers to questions that you always wanted to know.

Academic Calendar Fall 2002

9-6	Last Day to Withdraw with 90% Tuition Credit
9-20	Last Day to Withdraw with 75% Tuition Credit
10-11	Last Day to Withdraw with 50% Tuition Credit
10-14	Fall Break
10-24	Mid-term Grades
11-1	Last day to Withdraw without Failure
11-15	Graduation Applications Due
11-25	No Classes during the Week of Thanksgiving
12-13	Last Day of Classes

Sports

National College Sports Network (NCSN) Strikes 7-Year Deal for Division 1-AA Football

First Collective Agreement For Ten-Conference Consortium Offers NCSN 'Best-of-Best' Weekly Games Starting Fall 2003

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 / PRNewswire/ — The National College Sports Network (NCSN) today announced an exclusive seven-year programming agreement with the top Division 1-AA conferences, allowing the soon-to-be-launched 24-hour college sports network to air the "best-of-the-best" Division 1-AA football games on a weekly basis. The agreement is unprecedented in that it is the first made with a national television network by a consortium of Division 1-AA conferences. It takes effect starting with the 2003 football season.

The ten-conference agreement includes 90 colleges and universities that comprise the Atlantic 10 Conference, Big Sky Conference, Gateway Football Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Patriot League, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, the Southwestern Athletic Conference, and two others to be announced shortly.

"For college football fans, it doesn't get much better than this," noted Brian Bedol, co-founder and CEO of the National College Sports Network.

"While NCSN will be the home and a showcase for the best of all college sports, the agreement with Division 1-AA football is an exceedingly important milestone in helping us build that home."

Division 1-AA football is the highest level of collegiate football that features an NCAA Championship tournament. Division 1-AA has produced some of the greatest NFL football players to have ever played the game, including Walter Payton (Jackson State), Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State), and the current NFL MVP Kurt Warner (Northern Iowa).

Other celebrated players from Division 1-AA schools include current NFL stars Randy Moss, Steve McNair, Rich Gannon, Jay Fiedler and coaching legend, Eddie Robinson of Grambling, who has the most wins in college football history. The Division also features many classic rivalries including Grambling/Southern, Montana/ Montana State, and Lehigh/ Lafayette.

"On behalf of the group of conferences that have entered into this agreement, I want to express our excitement about being a part of the first national I-AA conference package," said Linda Bruno, Atlantic 10 Commissioner and Chair of the 1-AA Television Committee. "All of us believe that this will become a benchmark in I-AA football history and look forward to the increased visibility NCSN offers our programs, and most importantly, our student-athletes."

"We are excited by the opportunity to broadcast some of the best college football in the country," said Chris Bevilacqua, NCSN executive vice president and co-founder. "As evidenced by the past and present success of 1-AA alumni in the NFL, a national network like NCSN will finally shine a light on the great programs and student-athletes that make up 1-AA Football for their millions of fans and alumni. It's a win-win for everyone."

To date, NCSN has announced multi-year, multi-sport programming agreements with nine conferences including The BIG EAST, Big Ten, Atlantic 10, West Coast, Big South, Southland, Mid-Continent, Ohio Valley and Northeast. Others are on the horizon.

About NCSN

The National College Sports Network (NCSN) is the first cable network devoted exclusively to college sports, including a significant commitment to women's sports. It was co-founded by Brian Bedol, Stephen Greenberg and Chris Bevilacqua. Mr. Bedol and Mr. Greenberg were co-founders of Classic Sports Network, which they later sold to ESPN. Mr. Bevilacqua is a former senior executive with Nike Inc. where he headed that company's successful foray into the college market. NCSN is headquartered in New York City. It is expected to launch during the first quarter of 2003.

COLUMN: Another Strike Could Mean Loss of Fans

by Nick Bratkovic
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(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — Baseball, America's pastime, is two days away from being a thing of the past. Baseball is set to end. Another strike looms in the balance.

Greed threatens to ruin the game. Fans cry. Players pout and commissioner Bud Selig frowns. Players' union chief Don Fehr blames Selig.

The end is near. Without an agreement on Friday, baseball players will walk.

It's sad because there is no game as embedded in American society as baseball.

The game is a summer marathon. Baseball, with its announcers, who serve as storytellers of the game, paves a path through the summer in terms of double plays, home runs and strikeouts. Each is timeless, though often unimportant in the scheme of a season. But that is what baseball is, a friendly voice to turn to on a hot, humid summer night. Sure, you can play golf, take a vacation or work.

But baseball is there at the end of the day to relax you. Some argue that football is more popular. I don't disagree. But really, the sports are too different to compare. A football game is an event. It's the aunt you haven't seen in years and can't wait to see. It is the place to be. Fans watch once a week.

Baseball is different. It's that family member who is always there. The one you can't turn around without seeing. You take it for granted assuming it will play on with a new day.

Yes, it is a powerful bond between a baseball fan and his team. It involves unyielding support, win or lose. For true fans, the term bandwagon doesn't apply. Sadly, the bond is about to be broken. They want to interrupt the marathon. We are about to see another strike. It's economically sensible, but ethically disgraceful to stop playing baseball in midseason.

It will happen, though. The two sides don't trust each other enough to get a deal done. Players talk about the money and how they have no choice but to strike if the owners don't come around. But most can't tell you why they will potentially strike.

Meanwhile, the owners tell the players they are going broke. They are losing money. A luxury tax is proposed. It is around $100,000,000.

Players balk. "They'll believe you when a team goes bankrupt" is the perception. Instead, they propose a $138 million limit. It affects the New York Yankees and nobody else. That solution will not change baseball. Each side is convinced they are correct.

In my eyes, the owners are correct. As a fan I want each team to have an equally distributed piece of pie. Baseball is a singular industry that reportedly makes $3.5 billion a year. There should be a system that allows every team profit financially and compete.

The Yankees couldn't survive without the small markets and they need to remember that.

Neither side could function without the fans.

It seems players and owners don't take the fans into account. They forget where the revenue comes from; who buys the t-shirts, ball caps and $20 tickets to the game? They forget about who watches the World Series and makes TV contracts astronomical.

The fans do all of that.

Fans say they will not return when baseball comes back. Who knows if they will? Regardless, a strike destroys baseball. It takes away the marathon of baseball. It's like that loved one who deserts your family. You never totally forgive or trust them again when they return.

Don't fail us, baseball. We might never return to the game. Fans have other options. Football has started. Why kill a great game? It's your choice. Don't cheat the fans. You need to reach a labor agreement.